

IN THE CLAIMS

The following claim listing replaces all other previous listings:

1. (original) An input element used for a touch-pad disposed to an information processing apparatus, said touch-pad being responsible to changes of a static capacity, said input element comprising a conductive pad contact part making a face-to-face contact onto said touch-pad.

2. (original) The input element according to claim 1, said input element further comprising a conductive grip part, said grip part and said pad contact part being connected via a pivot connection therebetween.

3. (currently amended) The input element according to ~~claim 1 or 2~~ claim 1, said input element having a paper weight shape or a pencil shape, said input element making an input to said information processing apparatus through said change of said static capacity interfaced by said touch-pad.

4. (original) A method for making an input to an information processing apparatus via a touch-pad, said touch pad of said information processing apparatus, said touch-pad being responsible to a change of a static capacity said method comprising the steps of:

providing an input element comprising a conductive pad contact part which makes a face-to face contact onto said touch-pad; and

making said input element contact to a touch-pad surface in a face-to-face manner

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such that said static capacity is changed.

5. (new) The input element according to claim 2, said input element having a paperweight shape or a pencil shape, said input element configured to make an input to said information processing apparatus through said change of said static capacity interfaced by said touch-pad.